

FORETOLD A STORM.

Feathered Barometers Give Warning to a Ship's Crew of an Impending Hurricane.

While a British brig was gliding smoothly along before a good breeze in the South Pacific a flock of small birds about the size, shape and color of parrots settled down in the rigging and passed an hour or more of resting. The second mate was so anxious to find out the species to which the visiting strangers belonged that he tried to entrap a specimen, but the birds were too shy to be thus caught and too spry to be seized by the quick hands of the sailors. At the end of an hour the birds took the brig's course, and disappeared, but before nightfall they came back and passed the night on the main-top.

The next morning the birds flew off again and when they returned at noon the sailors scattered some food about the decks. By this time the birds had become so tame that they hopped about the decks, picking up the crumbs. That afternoon an astonishing thing happened. The flock came flying swiftly toward the brig. Every bird seemed to be piping as if pursued by some little invisible enemy on wings, and they at once huddled down behind the deck-house. The superstitious sailors at once called the captain of the brig, who rubbed his eyes and looked at the barometer. A glance showed that something was wrong with the elements, and the brig was put in shape to outride a storm.

The storm came 20 minutes after the birds had reached the vessel. For a short time the sky was like the waterless bottom of a lake—a vast arch of yellowish mud—and torrents of rain fell. Why it did not blow very hard no one knows, but on reaching port two days later the captain learned that a great tornado had swept across that part of the sea. The birds left the vessel on the morning after the storm and were not seen again.

HOUSES IN BURMAH.

They Are Built of Bamboo and Afford But Slight Protection Against Rough Weather.

An English wheelman who recently pedaled through Burma says the natives of that country are charming. He calls them the Italians of the east—



A BURMESE HUT.

easy-going, merry and pretty so far as the feminine population is concerned.

For four months in Burma he pours rain and the cyclist was wet most of the time he was there. He slept in wind-shaken bamboo huts, which afforded slight protection. This is the kind of house the natives live in the year round, and as they seem to thrive probably the shanty houses agree with them, but they are rather trying on a man used to brick, stone and modern architecture.

Bullfighters in Spain.

A Madrid paper has interviewed a torero, or bull fighter, and shows what an important personage he is. During the past year he took part in 65 fights and killed 133 bulls. His net profit was \$60,000, and the only injuries he received were a bruise on the foot and a rather bad wound in the leg. These toreros are generally from the lower classes and uneducated, but all Spaniards are picturesque and take readily to wearing fine clothes and posing as cavaliers. The risks they take are great, but the rewards are tremendous. They are courted by all classes, they live like princes, and such is their popularity that the newspapers are careful to give them nothing but praise, for fear of incurring the enmity of the people, who fairly idolize these butchers.

A Doctor's Strange Fees.

A correspondent has sent the British Medical Journal an extract from a letter received from his brother, a medical missionary in Szechuan, one of the inland provinces of China. "I had," he writes, "a very distinguished patient this afternoon. She is the wife of Sui-Tai, of Tien-Tsin, in Chih-Li province, a man who governs an area probably equal to half a dozen English counties. She brought her fee with her; a fowl, a duck, six eggs, two pounds of cakes and a leg of mutton! Last time she came she brought not quite so much, but since then she has sent over eight stocks of beautiful chrysanthemums."

Embarrassment Ensued.

A certain wealthy man has a brother who is hard of hearing, while he himself is remarkable for his very prominent nose. One evening, dining at a friend's house, he found himself between two ladies, who talked to him very loudly, rather to his annoyance. Finally one of them shouted a commonplace remark, and then said, in an ordinary tone to the other: "Did you ever see such a nose in your life?" "Pardon me, ladies," said the wealthy man, "it is my brother who is deaf." Tableau!

Terraced Mountains of Palestine. In ancient times many of the mountains of Palestine were terraced and some of these terraces still remain.

THE PASSING OF HAWAIIAN NOBILITY

THE DEATH OF KAIULANI LEAVES BUT THREE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY LIVING—SKETCH OF THE DEAD PRINCESS

The author of the following, Miss Katherine Pope, has resided for a number of years in Honolulu. She knew the "Little Princess," and was as devoted to her as any of her native subjects.—The Editor.

PRINCESS KAIULANI was a great favorite in social circles in Hawaii, in England and America. As some one said, on account of her Hawaiian blood, she was more interesting than a mere white princess. To the usual charm of the half-white were added the accomplishments and graces of a society girl, making a lovable, admirable, unique personality. How shall we define the attractiveness of a hapa-haole (half-white)? Perhaps one better describe, and let the reader make the deductions. The half-white girl of Hawaii I know none with whom to compare. She is not languid and coquettish, as are her Spanish and Cuban sisters; fearlessly she rides, drives, dives and swims, fearlessly and friendly she turns her big, dark eyes on the world. Her voice is musical in song, soft and caressing to friends; her manner is amiable, her wit ready, her hands and feet quick to render service. And so beautiful are the soft hands, with the tapering fingers—fingers that with Hawaiian mothers, when the girl was a mere babe; how pretty are the feet, be their brown shapeliness bare or shod in the fine footgear that is the pet vanity of the native girl. The figure is usually generously full, but also slender and lithe. The hair is dark, soft, abundant, and seems to lend itself with so little effort on the part of the wearer to the prevailing fashion of hairdressing. The contour of the face



The Late Princess Kaiulani.

is soft; the mouth large, not unpleasantly so, and expressive of the impressionable, sympathetic nature. The whole being is indicative of splendid vitality, of joy in living. Often one that associates with the half-white grows to think the white girl lacking in vividness, strength and spirit; often one succumbs utterly to the charm of the woman and the land. I admit the fascination a dangerous one. But Kaiulani's magic was not unholy, her voice not that of a siren.

A womanly, gracious, kindly, benevolent girl; active in social matters, zealous in charitable work, a good daughter, a good friend. There were those that whispered to her of plots, of the possibility, with her as popular leader, of a successful revolution; but she was less ambitious for the difficult honors of a throne, more simple than Liliuokalani, and lived a blameless, peaceful life in the land that was to have been her inherited kingdom. I that know the land believe her life there as happy as it is given mortals to have anywhere. Her beautiful home, called Ainalahau, was at Waikiki, the seaside residence portion of Honolulu. The house differs from the usual American homes of Hawaii in that it is farther back from the road, is entirely concealed from public view by the dense shrubbery and close-growing trees. But from the veranda one can peer through the greenery and catch the brilliant blue of the ocean, can hear the pounding of the surf, can watch the sport ever going on in the great water-playground of Honolulu.

How fond Kaiulani was of the ocean, as fond as those ancestors that, not so very long ago, coasted the waves with their surf boards, found the water almost their natural element. Attired in a bathing suit, the princess often took her place in the native canoe and was rowed out to the reef where the big waves begin. Such a gay, spirited picture it was to see them coming in, riding the waves that drove them much faster than could oars in the hands of even the most muscular of boat boys, Kaiulani's merry laugh mingling with the shouts of the oarsmen and the noise of the sea. Again and again was the game repeated, the central figure so ordering it. One cannot, will not, believe that never again is one to see Kaiulani at this pretty sport, is not again to hear her call of triumph when the light craft reaches shore, the spray-dashed occupants safe and hilariously happy.

In Hawaii, the news of her death flew on the wings of the wind. President and boat boy; fine lady and scantily-clad wahine (woman), old and young, the unjust and the good, all took part in the mourning. Natives let fall tool and guitar and flocked to Ainalahau by hundreds to do honor to the dead chiefess. Patient mourners sat under the wide-spreading banyan tree, the women in black holokus, leis of flowers in their hands for her that, in life, always wore a garland of blossoms. The old-style natives gave voice to the inexpressible melancholy wailings that are a part of their ceremony for the dead. And when one considered what loss to Ainalahau; what loss to the old father; what loss to the natives, the death of Kaiulani, one thought fit that audible, unreserved expression of grief. The last flower of the Hawaiian chiefs gone.

The full name of the ill-fated young princess was Victoria Kaiulani Kaiulani Lunalihi Kalaninuihahupala. No one, of course, called her by the whole assemblage of liquid names; until of late she was the "Little Princess," a name I like best of all the many appellations. But the Little Princess grew into a tall and dignified young womanhood, and the caressing name was dropped for "Kaiulani" and "The Princess." The syllable "lan" (heaven) occurs in the names of Hawaiian royalty. Liliu-

lan and her sister-in-law, Queen Dowager Kapiolani, aunts to Kaiulani, and Prince Kalaniana'ole, are the last of the "lanis."

Kaiulani's father, Mr. Cleghorn, a white-haired Scotchman, is seen frequently on the streets of Honolulu; the mother, Princess Miriam Likeli, died when her daughter was 12 years old. Two years later the child was sent to England to be educated, and was destined to see afterward but little of her island home. Soon after school books were thrown aside the young girl was confronted with problems most difficult, politics and politicians. She was taken to Washington, where she was very kindly received by President and Mrs. Cleveland. Then there was journeying back to England and waiting. At last the long-deferred journey home. Following her return, an even, uneventful life. Then a little imprudence in the way of long rides and frequent sea bathing, which aggravated a rheumatic ailment, and then—death. At 23!

That due honor might be given the little princess, government officials asked to be allowed to conduct a state funeral, and the father gave permission; flags were placed at half-mast; the flags of all the consuls, the American red, white and blue and the white, red and blue, the old flag of Hawaii. On the veranda at Ainalahau were stationed six officers to receive the hundreds of callers that came to pay their respects.

And natives gave the highest tributes in their power; the royal feather cloak of Queen Dowager Kapiolani covered the body; the kahili-bearers waved kahilis (tall, feathered staffs, insignia of royalty) to the music of a solemn dirge. Kaiulani lay on a great couch covered with a purple velvet pall. She was in the center, and draped over her was a cloud of white silk and chiffon. Her face was covered with a veil and her head was inclined a little, making her look as though she were asleep. White orchids and orange blossoms were scattered about and a crown of white carnations was at her head. The room was filled with flowers. It was like a poem. It made one think of Elaine, the lily maid of Astolat.

KATHERINE POPE.

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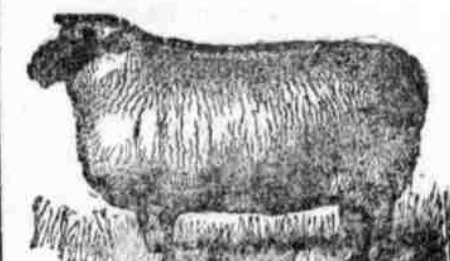
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